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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Crisis Situations

REFERENCE: NSC Status of Projects, 18 January 1950

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1. With reference to the statement on the above subject that Defense on January 10th "as an interim measure subject to further study," approved the proposed amendment to NSCID 1, [] tells me he does not know why this action was taken by Defense when all others simply approved the proposal. His guess is that this is tied in with the whole subject of production of national intelligence -- by an Estimates Board ?? or a review of the whole production situation. He emphasized that this was his guess.

2. At your next luncheon will you ask Mr. Johnson about this as maybe it is associated with General Irwin's idea that the IAC is the supreme body which prepares national intelligence for the NSC rather than being an Advisory body to the DCI who is given the responsibility by law and the NSC to prepare national intelligence estimates.

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